

Dear Mrs. Callie,
I have just returned from fatigue,
duty, and before my time comes around again I will reply
to yours by yesterday's mail. The report you heard about Mah.
Hensley is untrue although he is very low. I would endeavor
to see him before he gets far lower and unless a consider-
able change takes place I think his recovery very doubtful.
There are two or three others belonging to that ^{company} who are
nearly as bad as Hensley but they are at this Hospital
because there are some febrile men who are not
able to perform duty. Their situation is one of great distress
and unless they move there ~~in some other~~ ^{to some other}
place the whole company will suffer.
But I think we have great reason to be satisfied for
we have only one ^{man} ~~man~~ ^{in camp} ~~in camp~~ ^{there is but one sick}
man here at this time ^{that is Dr. Gregory} and he was
brought here from the Hospital. ^{While this} ~~While this~~ ^{is not a} ~~is not a~~ ^{single} ~~single~~ ^{man} ~~man~~ ^{complaining} ~~complaining~~ ^{but are all} ~~but are all~~ ^{looking well} ~~looking well
and are all anxious for a fight. ^{in our camp} ~~in our camp~~ ^{are all} ~~are all ^{looking well} ~~looking well
I have ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~going~~ ^{going} ~~on~~ ^{on} ~~below~~ ^{below} ~~here~~ ^{here}
day before yesterday I am inclined to believe that there was a
great battle fought. Although it was one of the ~~most~~ ^{most} ~~days~~ ^{days} ~~that~~ ^{that}
we have had since we have been in camp. The ~~cannoning~~ ^{cannoning} ~~was~~ ^{was}
kept up all day and until after 8 o'clock in the night. One report~~~~~~



says it was only salutes in honor of the victory achieved
by our forces at Manassas. Another says that Beauregard killed 1600
of our men, but a small loss on his ^{side}. which of the two are
true I am not able to say, but I am inclined to believe the
latter. at least I would hope it to be so. We will perhaps
hear all about it this evening.

As for my friends it is not true of course I can return you
message. He and Penn are both gone home, but we are looking
for them to day. unless they come we fear the consequence - as
they were sent for on account of Fran's. The last time we heard
from her she was very low. they may be detained on account
of the recruits that they expect to bring with them. We received
4 last week, and are looking for about 20 to day. I think we are
as busy now in the way of volunteering, if we could only get
a few more in the field.

But to change my subject a little. I am preparing
myself for one of the best dinners we have had since we have
been here. We have just bought some snags, beets, and Potatoes
and if you have no idea how a potato appreciates such
things, I would only say it is just like eating bread after
eating at the table. But we have no reason to complain when we
consider the times. I say, endure anything, put up with every
thing, only let the quantities be derived from our soil, and enjoyment
will be ours in the future.

From the articles you gave me I have no idea who these
Gentlemen were. I am such a simpleton that I can't make hints or
anything of that kind, and to get me into the straight of any



Henry. it must be put down in plain English. But on
this point in reference to your remark about those fellows
facing an love with Kate, and if I descent: mind I would love
her I would: Cos called, what reasons from you brought the dect
aration. are you in reality or not. If there is any reality about it
and I say claim to Kate. I would ask you to represent me
in my absence. and if you cant. I reckon I'd better report to head
quarters. Tell Uncle Charles I bought a shade the day for
my dinner. and I thought about him all the time I was eating
it. and before I finished. I came to the conclusion that he
is about right an asking for ~~Shoe~~. How has his leg get. and
is he going abroad. Give my love to him and Aunt Martha. also
tell Ben a Jim. and if you ever give me Johnys direction I
will write to him.

I have been trying to make up a great long message for
Cos Emelia. but somehow or other I couldnt get at it. any how
you may tell her she must not be surprised. if I should
drop her a line. or two from this place.

Our Capt has gone to Richmond. to ^{see} about some Light
Artilery. If he should get it. I expect we will remove this
place. but I think his young wife prove a useful one.

As my dinner is ready. and I have to go to work again.
I must close. May you bless and give all is the wish of your
affectionate

C. L. Anthony

